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vigation on the Fraser river, the steamers
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will commence their trips in connection with
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Which will be placed on the route from the Canoe to
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Victoria, B.C. Feb 16, 1870 my 22.3m w

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FOR YALE

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AT THE
CLINTON MILLS,
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New Photographic Views

OF
Mountain Scenery and other highly in-
teresting Subjects.

CARTES DE VISITE,
GROUPS,

And Views taken with the greatest care and in the best
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faction.

The Gallery is situated on Fort street,
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FOR SALE.

That old established, commodious, and
popular

Saloon and Billiard-room

AT YALE.

Opposite the Steamboat Landing and
next door to Barnard's Express
Office.

—ALSO—

A LOT and FURNISHED HOUSE, with
Garden and good water.

JAMES E. BARRY.

FORT YALE, B.C. my 15

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LOVERS OF THE ABOVE DELICIOUS AR-

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WELL & FINLAYSON,

FAMILY GROCER, Fort street,

my 21m

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LAND AGENT.

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Maker in the United Kingdom.

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Tuesday Morning, June 7, 1870.

Defects in the American Constitution.

How manifestly true is it that absolute perfection is not to be looked for in any human production. The greatest effort of the greatest minds can at best only lay claim to comparative perfection. For almost a century have our Republican neighbors been seeking to convince the rest of the world that they had attained perfection in human government, but only to prove that it took nearly a hundred years to discover the imperfections. None will attempt to deny the unparalleled success of the United States. Of them it may almost be said "a nation has been born in a day." Nor would we seek to undervalue the important part enacted by the Great Republic in the cause of civilization and freedom. To it the inhabitants of the Old World owe much of that freedom they now enjoy. To it the New World in great part owes its advancement in freedom and power. To it all people may be said more or less to look. But, with all this the Constitution of the United States is very far from presenting a faultless code of civil polity. On the contrary the faults of the system are both numerous and grave, and it is a hopeful indication that the American nation is becoming awake to these faults. The scales are at last falling from the eyes of intelligent, thinking Americans, and they have the discomfit to see and the candor to confess the flaws in a system they have for so many years been culling upon all men to fall down worship. Thus we find a very influential member of the American Press, and a Republican writer, saying, "In theory the Government of the United States is the best in the world. In practice it is, in many respects, one of the worst in Christendom. It is bad in the Executive Department, and it is corrupt beyond all example in the Legislative, Our Federal and State Legislatures are disgracefully corrupt." An attempt at legislating to stem this tide of corruption has, almost of our readers will know, been recently made in Congress. Mr. Sargent proposes to make it criminal for a member of Congress to solicit the President or any member of the Cabinet to appoint any person to office. It is now the custom for Congressmen to claim that it is their right to say who shall be appointed to office in their respective Districts, and it is but too generally understood that the vote goes with that right. And it will readily be seen how strong is the motive for controlling these appointments. To make the officials of the District the creature of his will is to fortify his own position and consolidate his power. Nor do the interests of the Senators run in different channels. To have his friends in safe offices is to render the calling and election of the member of the Upper Chamber sure. Thus do we see presented a complete net-work of interests all tending to corruption as surely as the sparks fly upward; and this net-work forms the basis upon which that matchless superstructure rests. We have alluded to Mr. Sargent's remedy. Turn we to Mr. Jencks. The bill proposed by Mr. Jencks is a more comprehensive and, to our mind, more practical and effective remedy. It provides that no person shall be appointed to any of the twenty-five thousand minor Federal offices—excepting some 3000 of the higher offices—until he shall have passed a strict examination, and been declared competent to fill it. Judge of the magnitude of the evil from the fact that in advocating this measure Mr. Jencks claimed that it would save at least fifty millions annually to the Government! But even this measure, sweeping as it is, would not, to our mind, suffice to sweep out the Augean stable of the model Republic. It is good as far as it goes; but it does not reach the root of the disease. The true remedy is to be found in the British Constitution. And we are glad to find the member of the American Press from whom we have already quoted looking in the right direction. "There is," he says, "only one proper way to remedy the evils which fill our Administration with corruption, and that is to amend our Federal Constitution by providing that every minor executive officer shall hold office for life, unless removed for inefficiency, incompetency, or malversation." When the Federal and State Departments shall have been purified, a large part of the corruption will fail, the nominations for legislative offices will be better, the number of elections will be lessened, new checks can be imposed on partisan trickery, the corrupt ward politicians will lose their control, and there will be some reasonable hope that honesty and decency will again prevail in the Government! And, if this well be added, we shall no longer see America's best sons standing aloof, shrinking from taking any active part in the politics of their country.

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

The great Babylon king Nebuchadnezzar (died B.C. 561), when he had completed his conquests, as he found himself in possession of treasures uncounted, and captured by tens of thousands, determined also to signalize his reign by some of the triumphs of peace. He built a new palace of colossal dimensions, and surrounded it with a triple wall, the outer one of which was some seven miles in circuit—he enclosed the city of Babylon with a wall, which, Herodotus says, was three hundred and thirty feet high, and made the Hanging Gardens. This last work was undertaken to gratify his wife, Amytis, a Median princess. Having passed her younger days in a mountainous region, she disliked the uniform level of the country around Babylon and pined for the woods and hills of Media. The lofty rocks and various trees of this wonderful paradise were an attempt to imitate Median scenery. These gardens were high enough to overlook the walls of the city, and occupied a square of four hundred feet on one side.

It has been a question how these gardens were supported at this great height, as it was until lately taken for granted that the Babylonians did not understand the principle of the arch. But it is now known that very perfect arches were built in Egypt, Assyria, and in Babylonian centuries before Nebuchadnezzar's time, and so the question is simplified.

The ancient Romans, when they had to carry a stone aqueduct across a deep ravine, sometimes built three or four tiers of arches one above another, till the required level at which the water was to be carried was reached. In the same manner, only on a larger scale, was this mound of the gardens raised. They built one story of arches, covering the required space; on this was placed a second story—and thus was story after story raised. A great mass of earth covered the top, and water was supplied from the Euphrates through pipes. Not only flowers and shrubs grew there, but trees of the largest size—some of them so large that their trunks, according to Quintus Curtius, were twelve feet in diameter. The ascent to the gardens was by steps, and on the way up among the arches, were stately apartments, whose coolers the heat of the climate could little effect.—From *Oliver Optic's Magazine*.

A STRANGE STORY.—Boston (Massachusetts) has a sensation story. Recently, in a town hard by a public ball was given. The daughter of a couple who kept a boarding-house set her heart on going in company with one of the boarders, who is designated "J." The girl's parents objected to her going to the ball, especially in company with "J," when she exclaimed that if she did not go with "J" she would accept the company of the devil should he offer it to her. On the night of the ball she slipped out of the house in proper trim, except she had to buy boots for the occasion; and having procured these she was returning to put them on, when she met "J," as she supposed, and he persuaded her to go with him to the ball at once and change her boots in the ladies' dressing-room. "J," was her partner in the first dance, but afterwards disappeared until supper time. Offended by his neglect, she said she would return home at once, and he attended her thither. Very little was said by either party until they had nearly reached the house, when "J" informed his companion that he was not going in; and presenting her with a beautiful pearl-handled penknife, and asking her when she used to think of him, he suddenly left her. The girl on telling her mother all that had passed, was astonished at learning that "J" had not been out of the house since early nightfall, but had gone to bed before the hour at which the ball began. The girl refused to believe it, but after some discussion her mother took her to "J's" room, and there was soon calmly and profoundly sleeping. Nothing more could be said, and the daughter retired for the night. A strange sound shortly afterwards brought the mother to the girl's chamber, and she was found with her throat cut with the penknife given to her by her companion at the ball. She lingered until noon, and then died, declaring that, remembering what she had said in her determination to go to the dance, she used the knife because she was overwhelmed by horrible suspicions as to who it was that personated "J," and became her partner. The Boston Post declares that these statements are all strictly true, and can be vouched for by the very best authority.

Card of Thanks to Capt Finch.

THE DELUXE ENGINE COMPANY OF VICTORIA has to thank you their warmest thanks for having so generously placed the steamer OLYMPIA at their disposal, free of charge, for the excursion on the 25th May last, in aid of their Steam Fire Engine. THOMAS GEIGER, Foreman.

J. NAGLE.

Now Advertisements.

Labour Exchange.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOLICITATION of a number of our mutual gentlemen, the undersigned has established a LABOUR EXCHANGE AND EMPLOYMENT OFFICE in connection with his SHIP-PIPING WORKS on Bastion Street, where he is prepared to receive and deal with applications for Employment and Employees. As the object is to get situations for industrious persons, the fees will be merely nominal. Office Hours from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

GRAND LOTTERY PRIZE for Ladies only, (FREE) A Gold Ring, which will be drawn at 4 o'clock, p.m. Refreshment and Liquor Stands will be on the grounds. ADMIS. 50 CENTS; Children under 10 years, half-prize. Job

THE NEMESIS OF FASHION.—When we remonstrated, the *Lance* says, "against the dangerous and senseless practice of ladies exchanging the high dresses, sealskins, and wrappers worn during the day for the low dresses and bare shoulders at night, we scarcely ventured to hope that the orders of fashion were as soon to identify themselves with the dictates of common sense. But so it is. The *Pall Mall Gazette* makes some comments on an announcement in a German paper to the effect that a new era has dawned upon France owing to Madame Olivier having set the fashion of wearing high evening dresses, and having caused it to be understood that the visitors to her salon were expected to follow her example. The movement is said to have succeeded. We pointed out the risk of contracting what eventually prove grave pulmonary diseases by delicate girls exposing their neck and shoulders to the draughts and cutting winds of our climate. Our contemporary makes an allusion to the ladies attending the late drawing-room at the Palace in low dresses, on a bitterly cold afternoon, and expresses surprise that so barbarous a system should continue. Mothers and chaperones who care but little for any risks so long as it is the fashion to incur them, would, however, see that their daughters, and the girls under their care, were clad with some regard to health, if it were only the 'correct thing.' Why does not some young and lovely leader of fashion set them the example?"

The POETRY LEFT OUT.—A New York clerk, 28 years old, unmarried, with \$3000 capital and no ambition to be a farmer, but with no knowledge of the business, asked the Farmers' Club how he should begin his new career and got the following answer:—Put all your money out at 7 per cent on mortgage. Go hire yourself to a thrifty, money-making farmer, and work for the first month for your board. Then get him to give you something till you can make nearly full wages as a farm hand. See everything and remember what you see. Read farm books and papers. In a year or two buy a place on which the first installment is \$1000. Use \$1000 for stock and tools, keep the other \$1000 at interest and go to work. When you have been on the farm a year, marry some young woman who can raise chickens and knows how to make pantaloons.

BOSTON takes the prize for comic suicides. Here was old Willard S. Lucas, a popular and well established "coat thief," who, being under indictment for larceny, shuffed off his mortal coil by means of a coil of rope, leaving in his cell the following note—

APRIL 10.

MY DEAR NEPHEW.—

I chose death rather than to implicate Miss Smally, or to lose my liberty on her account.

Uncle Willard—Carry my clothes home with you. You will find sixty-nine cents within.

Miss Smally—I should like to have written you a few lines, but I have no paper. Tell the whole truth and live a virtuous life. W. S. LUCAS.

It is asserted by the *Mechanic's Magazine* that one hour after the gas of London is lit the air is oxidized as much as if five million people had been added to the population. During the combustion of oil, tallow, gas, etc., water is produced as well as carbonic acid, and in cold weather we see it condensed on the windows. By the burning of gas twenty-four hours in London more water, it is estimated, is produced than would supply an emigrant ship on her voyage from England to Australia.

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THE REGATTA, T. H. SECRETARY WILL RECEIVE tenders to the 11th inst. for permission to erect two Liquor and one Refreshment Booth, on the Esplanade, or southwest side of the Arm, on Regatta Day, the 20th inst. JURAT

ANNUAL REGATTA To be held

ON THE ARM OVER THE USUAL COURSE

JUNE 20TH, 1870,

Accession Day,

(Under the

PATRONAGE OF H. E. GOV. MUSGRAVE

AND ADMIRAL FARQUHAR

COMMITTEE.

Captain Lyons, R.N.

Captain Home, R.N.

Captain Mist, R.N.

Captain Egerton, R.N.

Hon. J. Hawkins

Dr. Trimble, Mayor

R. Burnaby, Esq.

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THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Tuesday Morning, June 7, 1870.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

June 6.—Sloop Alarm, Dwyer, San Juan
Str. Emma, Ettershank, Nanaimo
Str. Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Sloop Leader, Drake, San Juan
Sloop Native, West, Fort Simpson
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PASSENGERS

For steamer OLYMPIA, from Puget Sound—Rooth and wife, Mrs. H. Mrs. Libby, Miss Kurch, Mrs. Kyle and two children, Mr. Ackerson, Bowden, D. Willoughby, Sanderlin, Clapperton, Roberts, Devoe, Picket, Rout, and ten Indians

IMPOSTS.

Per steamer OLYMPIA, from Puget Sound: 350 sheep, 5 horses, 1 cow, 3 calves, 5 head cattle.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer OLYMPIA, from Puget Sound: Murray, Reynolds, Pemerton, R. Ritter.

MARRIED.

At St John Church, in this city, on the 4th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Thomas Lee, farmer and dairyman, Cadboro Bay road, to Miss Marietta, second daughter of Mr. F. H. Powers, of Victoria, B. C., late of the Province of New Brunswick.

DIED.

At Woodlands, Victoria, B. C., aged 1 year and 3 months, Henry Hooper, the second son of Mr. Hou P. Phelps, Councillor, Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and daughter, his wife, Nee Lindley.

Auction Sales To-Day.

J. P. DAVIES & CO., Wharf Street, Will sell Real Estate and Sugar.

THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION of San Francisco owe something over \$150,000 and have hit upon a scheme to clear off the indebtedness by lottery. There will be 628 gifts in all, aggregating \$500,000 in gold coin of the U. S. The first gift is for \$100,000; the second for \$50,000; third for \$25,000 and so on down to 425 gifts of \$100 each. The lottery is expected to realize \$500,000 to the Association. Its moral effect upon the San Franciscans may be imagined by the following dispatch under date of the 1st inst.: "Ten thousand tickets in the Mercantile Library Lottery were sold yesterday and 5000 to-day, when the sale was suspended until to-morrow on account of not having more tickets printed. One house in New York to-day ordered 1000, and offered to take \$10,000 worth if a sufficient discount be allowed. The worst anticipations as to its demoralizing effects on the community are more than realized. Servant girls and their employers, clerks, schoolboys, merchants, and church dignitaries crowd each other in the scramble for tickets. Brokers keep them for sale in their windows, and men are walking all round the city with handfuls of tickets retailing them. Large buyers have been heard to declare that if they do not draw prizes they will instantly sue for a return of money, on the ground of the lottery being unconstitutional. The question is bound to be tested in the courts in some shape."

PATERNAL DUTY.—Will the City Fathers, as the Mayor and Council are familiarly called, permit us to offer a word of admonition? The present great heat, all the more trying on account of the suddenness with which it has come upon us, renders it of the first importance that the sanitary condition of the city should be most carefully guarded. A thorough system of inspection should at once be established, so that every street, lane, and, if need be, yard, may be visited daily in order to see that no putrid or unwholesome deposit may be permitted to accumulate. It is only by the most rigid vigilance now that sickness can be averted. Need it be added that no effort on the part of the authorities can be of much avail unless seconded by cheerful acquiescence on the part of the people. And who will withhold such acquiescence? Is it not the immediate and deep interest of every member of the community to aid in the good work? With proper care Victoria must be healthy. Without a due observance of those ordinary rules of cleanliness and diet we have a right to expect immunity from sickness or, indeed, epidemic.

LABOUR EXCHANGE.—It is to Capt. Nagle that the country will be indebted for doing what the Executive Government has refused to do in compliance with a resolution of the Legislative Council. By reference to our advertising columns, it will be seen that Capt. Nagle has opened a Labor Exchange in connection with his Shipping and General Agency Office on Bastion Street. It will hardly be necessary to remark that Capt. Nagle has been moved to this step more for the purpose of supplying a keenly felt want with any view to making it remunerative—and, it therefore, becomes the duty of all to give it their sympathy and support. We are glad that the commencement, however small, is being made, and feel convinced that if conducted with that care and attention which Capt. Nagle is likely to bring to the work, the institution will attain such dimensions as will be felt for good in the community and will ultimately repay the faith and attention bestowed upon it.

The next exhibition of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society will be held on the 28th September. The bill was published yesterday and comprises quite as many lots as the list of last year. The exhibition will extend over two days. On the evening of the first day it is proposed to hold an Agricultural Dinner, and on the evening of the second day an Agricultural Ball. Visitors from the interior of the island, the Mainland and Puget Sound are expected to attend in strong force. We can, with considerable pleasure, that the Agricultural Associations in the several districts are already stirring and that exhibitions will be held at Saanich, Cowichan and elsewhere previous to the day fixed for the holding of the Victoria Exhibition.

THE FEMALE INFIRMARY.—We have on file communication attacking in no choice terms the management of the Female Infirmary for the permanent closing of the institution as a hospital. We decline the publication of the letter because of the personalities it contains, but we nevertheless think that the public—especially that portion of the public who subscribed towards the erection of the building—have a right to know how the building came to be shut up and the furniture sold without a meeting of the subscribers being called to sanction the proceeding.

POLICE COURT.—Thos. White, the Indian whisky seller, was yesterday allowed two days in which to effect a general clearance of his interesting form from this gay and festive scene. Keel, an Indian affected with a hangerin' after chickin' fest, robbed the hangerin' after chickin' fest, and will be tried at Government expense for the next three months.

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